protection of forests. Some of these guidelines are as given below:—

(i) To avoid felling of natural forests and where such fellings are inevitable for restoration of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to an area not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) To consider banning of felling of green trees in the hills above 1000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) To set a part 4% of geographiacl area as protected area under Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Parks, and Biosphere reserves.

(7) The Central Government have also been encouraging wood substitution by suitable alternative materials in packing cases, railway sleepers, furniture, furniture, and construction works.

(8) A massive programme of afforestation is being pursued under 20 Point Programme.

Instructions for Restrictions on Industrial and Urban Activities

7. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued any instructions for preventing declaration of industrial and urban activities in the prime areas on the periphery of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Haryana for the exemption of Gurgaon from environment restrictions;

(d) if so, what are the details;

(e) what, action Government have taken in the matter;

(f) whether Government have issued any specific guidelines to States on environment protection; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) what has been the response of the State Governments in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (g) A gazette notification proposing to regulate such activities as mining, industrial operations, cutting of trees, grazing of cattle, construction of clusters of dwelling units and electrification etc. in identified areas in the Gurgaon district of Haryana and Alwar district of Rajasthan was issued on 9th January 1992. ,

Comments were solicited and received from Government of Haryana and others. Apprehensions were expressed that development of the area would be adversely affected eading to unemployment and loss of revenue etc. After detaied discussions with the State Government of Haryana and Rajasthan, Industrial Associations, Non-Governmental Organisations and individuals, the notifications was finalised by incorporating modifications and issued on 7th May 1992 for implementations. No additional guidelines have been issued to the two states.

Death of Black Bucks in Delhi Zoo

8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a probe into the death of 21 black bucks in Delhi Zoo recently;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been conducted into the deaths of black bucks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the probe is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and-(b) Yes Sir, Detailed enquiry has been completed.